

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The [[A]] laundry basket according to claim 8 [[12]], wherein the secondary material is thermoplastic elastomer.

8. (Currently amended) A laundry basket comprising:

 a bottom panel having a perimeter;

 a contiguous side wall extending generally upward from the perimeter of the bottom panel, the side wall terminating at an upper end;

 a rim having a rim wall extending around and generally outwardly from the upper end of the side wall, said rim wall including an outwardly facing portion;

 a basket interior defined above the bottom panel and bounded by the side wall;

 a first curved wall section of the side wall that is curved concavely inward toward the basket interior and a second wall section of the side wall that is disposed opposite to the first curved wall section, the bottom panel and the contiguous side wall including the first curved wall section and the second wall section being formed of a primary material, the primary material having a first coefficient of friction;

 a recess formed in the outwardly facing portion of the rim wall and positioned to coincide only with the first curved wall section;

a at least one handle having a grip opening provided on the second wall section side-wall near the upper end and positioned opposite the first curved wall section; and

 a cushion pad positioned in and substantially covering the recess such that it is substantially coextensive with the rim wall only in the first curved wall section, the cushion pad oriented such that the cushion pad faces a user when the user carries the laundry basket using the handle, the cushion pad being formed from a secondary material that is softer than the primary material and

the secondary material being arranged to present a friction enhancing surface having a second coefficient of friction greater than the first coefficient of friction of the curved wall portion.

9. (Currently amended) The [[A]] laundry basket according to claim 8, wherein the side wall has a pair of opposed elongate side sections and a pair of opposed shorter end sections, wherein the curved wall section is one of the pair of side sections, and wherein a second the at least one handle is provided on one of the opposed shorter end other of the pair of side sections.

10-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The laundry basket of claim 8 [[12]], wherein a portion of the side wall disposed opposite the curved wall section includes a handle having a grip opening, and wherein the first curved wall section is devoid of a handle having a grip opening.

14. (Currently amended) The laundry basket of claim 8 [[13]], wherein the portion of the handle adjacent the grip opening is covered with the secondary material.

15. (Currently amended) The laundry basket of claim 8 [[12]], wherein the secondary material comprises a thermoplastic elastomer having a Shore A or Shore D hardness that is less than a Shore A or Shore D hardness of the primary material.

16. (Currently amended) The laundry basket of claim 8 [[12]], wherein the rim is an arched rim and includes a rim wall having an enlarged lower edge.

17. (Previously presented) The laundry basket of claim 16, wherein the enlarged lower edge comprises an integral bead.

18-22. (Cancelled)

23. (New) The laundry basket of claim 8 wherein the primary material is polyethylene.

24. (New) The laundry basket of claim 8 wherein the primary material is polypropylene.
24. (New) The laundry basket of claim 8 wherein the primary material is polystyrene
25. (New) The laundry basket of claim 8 wherein the side wall includes a plurality of perforations.
26. (New) The laundry basket of claim 8 wherein the secondary material is a foam.
27. (New) The laundry basket of claim 26 whercin the foam is an open cell foam.
28. (New) The laundry basket of claim 26 wherein the foam is closed a cell foam.
29. (New) The laundry basket of claim 9 wherein one of said end sections is curved concavely inward toward the basket interior and includes a second cushion pad oriented such that the second cushion pad faces a user when the user carries the laundry basket using the second handle, the second cushion pad being softer than the primary material and being arranged to present a friction enhancing surface having a second coefficient of friction greater than the first coefficient of friction.